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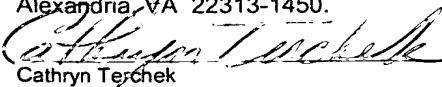
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Chinese patent application No. 99240614.5 (Document No. AM on PTO 1449), discloses a cyclonic vacuum cleaner including a brush chamber 1, a housing 2 and a dust collection bucket 5. A motor is located under the dust collection bucket. A cylinder filter element 6 is suspended and fastened at a central region of a lid 9 of the dust collection bucket. The surface of the filter element 6 has some small filtering holes 7. Inside the filter element 6 is a high density filter 8. A filtering cotton 10 is placed on top of the high density filter 8. When the electrical motor, including air propellant blades 3, is operating, vacuum airflow enters the brush chamber 1, passes via the flexible air hose 13, the air tube 12 and the air duct opening 14 into the dust collection bucket 5. Air flows cyclonically in the dust collection bucket. A majority of the tiny dust particles are filtered by the filtering holes 7 on the surface of filter element 6. A few tiny dust particles that pass through the filter 6 are filtered by the inside high density filter 8 and the filtering cotton 10 above. Air that flows into the motor via an air duct 11 and a connecting tube 14 is substantially clean air. The dust collection bucket 5 is made of a transparent material.

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